THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI M ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Paradeep Phosphates Ltd. (PPL) suffered a loss of about Rs. 1.5 crore during the first week of May, 1997 mainly on account of disruption of power supply to its plants due to a break down in the high tension transmission line of Grid Corporation of Orissa Limited (GRIDCO).

PPL had entered into an agreement with M/s. India Charge Chrome Ltd. (ICCL) for supply of power to its plants at Paradeep through the high tension transmission line of Orissa State Electricity Board (OSEB), which was subsequently changed to GRIDCO.

(c) to (e) Enquiries have been made from PPL. After reassessing the power supply situation, PPL has cancelled its agreement with ICCL and entered into a fresh agreement with GRIDCO on 13.5.97 for the supply of power to its plants at Paradeep.

रसायनों और उर्वरकों में कीटनाशकों के अत्यधिक प्रयोग के कारण कैंसर

334. **प्रो० विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा:** क्या रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या जैव तकनीक विशेषज्ञों ने रसायनों और उर्वरकों में कीटनाशकों के अत्यधिक उपयोग से कैंसर होने की आशंका प्रकट की है;

(ख) क्या भारतीय आयुर्विज्ञान अनुसंधान परिषद् ने अपनी रिपोर्ट में कहा है कि खाद्य पदार्थों के 80 प्रतिशत नमूनों में कीटनाशक दवाइयों के हानिकारक तत्व पाए गए हैं;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि विदेशों में जिन कीटनाशक दवाइयों के प्रयोग को हतोत्साहित किया जाता है, भारत में उनके प्रयोग को प्रोत्साहित किया जाता है और सरकार उनके उत्पादन पर रियायतें देती है; और

(घ) सरकार की इस संबंध में क्या नीति है और इससे होने वाली हानियों को रोकने के लिए सरकार क्या कदम उठा रही है?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री (श्री एम० अरुणाचलम): (क) से (घ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन के पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Bhopal Gas Disaster

335. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bhopal gas victims are facing sterility as reported in the Telegraph, dated 9.5.1997;

(b) whether vital evidence is being destroyed at the carbide plant as reported in the Statesman, dated 17.10.1996;

(c) whether Government have asked for the extradition of Union Carbide Chairman Warren Anderson since India and USA haved now signed an Extradition Treaty; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) On the basis of two studies conducted by them, the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has reported that there was no adverse effect of gas exposure on women's ability to conveive. ICMR has reported that no comments can be made about male infertility on the basis of subjective impression of private doctors and the newspaper report does not include any observation from the Government hospitals or the Medical College, Bhopal, which was intensively involved in most of the projects carried out by the ICMR for the purpose.

(b) The management of the company had undertaken dismantling of the structure of the plant at Bhopal which was stayed by the Court vide its Orders dated 28.10.96. The stay order has been vacated by the Court on, 13.5.1997.

(c) and (d) The CBI had filed charge sheet against the accused including Mr. Warren Anderson, the then Chairman. Union Carbide Corporation. The CBI has also requested Ministry of External Affairs to initiate extradition proceedings against Mr. Anderson. The extradition treaty signed with USA on 25.6.1997 will enter into force only after the process of ratification is completed by both the countries.